First Presbyterian Church
Mount Clemens



FPC Herald

November 2026



Office Hours
Tuesday: 9am -2pm
Wednesday: 10am -3pm
Thursday: 10am -3pm
Friday: 9am-2pm

1 Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

3 Worship and Music Meeting, 7pm

8 Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

10 Deacon Meeting, 7pm

10 PDA Safety and Security Training, 9am-4pm

15 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

17 Session Meeting, 7pm

22 Work Camp In-Person Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 10am

26-27 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed

29 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

"So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service." Romans 12:1

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Recently in worship, I asked the question: "What does it truly mean to be a 'living sacrifice'''? The apostle Paul refers to this in the Letter to the Romans, as cited above.

A sacrifice is something dedicated to God. In the Old Testament, the faith community practiced sacrifice by offering a lamb to God. It was though a foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. It is because of the sacrifice of Jesus, that we have been made right with God, an in turn, we live our lives not according to the world's standards, but according to God's standards.

Being a living sacrifice for God means offering ourselves not in death, but through the way we live. The new life we have been given transforms us as we dedicate our whole heart, mind, body, and soul to God's will.
When anyone presents themselves as a living sacrifice this is what begins to happen:

- They genuinely love rather than merely pretending.
- They honor one another above themselves.
- They reject laziness and pursue zeal in serving the Lord.
- They remain patient in hardship, joyful in hope, and persistent in prayer.
- They practice hospitality and generosity.
- They bless their persecutors rather than seek revenge.
- They celebrate with those who rejoice and grieve with those who weep.
- They pursue humility, avoid arrogance and serve to live at peace with others.
- They refuse to be conquered by evil and conquer evil by doing good.

For me, these traits flow from my gratitude for God's grace, mercy, and love. I express that gratitude by giving my time, talents, and treasures to serve this congregation.
To be a good steward of my time, I try to use my time wisely, in the way I take care of the church family, my husband, and myself.
To be a good steward of my talents, is to share the gifts that the Spirit of God has encouraged in me. As the apostle Paul writes: if you are to lead then lead, if you are to teach, then teach, if you are to serve, then serve, if you are to encourage, then encourage.
Being a good steward of my treasures means generously sharing the financial resources entrusted to me. To share my wealth to support the ministry and mission of the Church of Jesus Christ here in Mount Clemens, to provide gift cards to those in need, and to give to charities that work to improve the lives of those they serve.
I have seen members of this church practice this same kind of sacrifice by putting others' needs ahead of their own.
Still, I hope you will look at the list of qualities or traits listed above and consider prayerfully how you show your thankfulness to God by being a "living sacrifice" in your own lives. And how does this sacrifice, leads you to the renewed giving of your time, talents, and treasures for the glory of God.
I thank God for you, Pastor Kathy Nealand

Mark Your Calendars



We will be hosting a Church Safety and Security Training Workshop on Saturday November 14th.

Upcoming Fellowship Events from the Deacons



We'd like to invite you to a HARVEST BRUNCH after service on **November 22nd** . We will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, where the service that day will be presented by the youth and will highlight their WORK CAMP experience this year. After Brunch the youth and those of you that can stay will be decorating the Church for Christmas! So MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



On December 20th we will also be having a continental breakfast after service and before our Christmas Sing-a-Long.



GAME/CARD NIGHT returns in 2027. After some discussion, the Deacons decided to sponsor Game/Card Night once a month this winter. We will meet on the 2nd Friday of the month from 7-9 pm. Mark these dates on your calendars: Jan. 8, Feb. 12 and March 12.



Fall is here. Our annual stewardship pledge campaign is around the corner! What does this mean? It means that today we are actively planning the resources for the ministries that our congregation is called to in the coming year. The pledge drive will be an invitation to the individuals in our church family to make a financial commitment as a part of their stewardship. This helps each of us plan and participate in making next year's ministries happen.
We will be dedicating the pledges received on Sunday, November 15, 2026.

Christmas Decorations

If you wish to donate for poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones, please contact the office for a form. A printed form will also be available in the bulletin announcements on Sundays.
Donations are due by December 13th
The Decorating Committee is also looking for donations of wreath's for the front door.



Celebrating Membership

Below is a list of current members who have joined our church in November's past.



Kent Anderson 11/15/2020
Arlene David 11/2/1992
Bill Herhilan 11/1/1975
Joe Kindt 11/15/2020
Logan Leitch 11/15/2020
Evelyn McKenzie 11/18/2008
Rick McKenzie 11/18/2008
Aireona Medley 11/15/2020
Ethan Ngwa 11/15/2020
John Remejes 11/3/2024
Staci Remejes 11/3/2024
Matt Sims 11/27/2005
Marguerite Ullrich 11/24/1968



October Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
October 4- 65	11
October 11- 72	15
October 18 - 68	16
October 25 - 56	19



Our Service Men & Women

Stephanie Dixon, Army
Crestview FL

Michelle Dixon, Army
Colorado

Ashley Dixon, Army
Puerto Rico
Daughters of Glenn and Pam Dixon

Sam Heaton, ANG
Son of Pastor Dan and Kim Heaton

Sean Heffernan, CG
Grandson of Sue Heffernan

Prayer List

Please keep the people listed in your daily thoughts, and remember them with a card, phone call and prayers of encouragement.

Assisted Living or Long-Term Care
Irma Black
Mary Murphy

Those we are keeping in Our Prayers
Jane Ethier
Loretta Martin
Lou Emerick
Nancy Ventimiglia
Claren Bannow
Jeanne Ledingham

November Birthdays



1	Fred Eveningred
3	Becky Ball
7	Joanna Ansted
8	Kent Anderson
13	Isaac Ball
14	Anne Courtney
18	Ken Schmidt
19	Emma Baker
19	Terrie Hadel
20	Pam Kurtz
20	Loretta Martin
21	Linda Silvonen
29	Dorothy Leach
30	Kim Heaton
30	Kyra Hickey
30	Gary Henderson
30	Matt Sims

Weekly Announcements

Sunday Worship Details

In-Person Worship and Live-Streamed Services on Sundays at 10am. To watch online, key in fpcmtclemens.com, click the worship tab, then live stream.

This Sunday we continue the sermon series on the book of Romans, with "The Christian Response to Government Authority" Communion will be served.

Each Sunday, the pastor will be available in the parlor following worship to anyone who would like to discuss the sermon or anything else that might come up.



Don't forget our weekly events:

- Youth Groups, Sundays, 6pm
- Quilting Group Monday Mornings, 10am
- Kids Thursday Night Program, 5pm
- Chancel Bells, Thursdays 6pm
- Chancel Choir, Thursdays 7pm

For more information about any of these, contact the office

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Introducing Zelle, a new way to give offerings and payments to the church. Give instantly by scanning this QR code within your mobile banking app, or by logging into your online bank account. To see if your bank participates go to www.zelle.com.



We placed a plastic tote containing prayer shawls in the church hallway, under the table by the front doors. If you have a family member or friend suffering from a serious illness, the loss of a loved one, or a personal crisis and would like to take them a prayer shawl, please get one from the tote box and deliver it to the person you are praying for. These blessed prayer shawls bring comfort, and we are glad to share them with people in need. We are thankful for the many women who have contributed to this ministry over the past years.



In partnership with the Good Shepherd Coalition, First Presbyterian of Mt. Clemens will again be seeking donations to purchase $50 grocery gift cards for Thanksgiving for 10 families in need. Donation envelopes for this project will be available in the church service bulletin on November 8 and November 15. Thanks to all for your continual generosity



Our Church Elders



Our Church Deacons

Session Class of 2026

- Mike Ball, Building, Property & Technology
- Martha Fisher, Personnel
- Patty Lange, Memorial
- Kenny Jung, Worship & Music

Session Class of 2027

- Becky Ball, Worship and Music
- Gary Cynowa, Mission
- Ken Schmidt, Finance

Session Class of 2028

- Kristen Abouelseoud, CE
- Barb Jung, CE
- Steven Thebo, Technology

Clerk of Session: Jane Ethier

Deacon Class of 2026

- Pam Kurtz
- Kyra Hickey
- Beth Orrin

Deacon Class of 2027

- Judi Armstrong
- Gloria Cynowa
- Evelyn McKenzie

Deacon Class of 2028

- Mary Jane Marino-Bratke
- Diana Lozen
- Jay Lozen

Deacon Moderators

- Beth Orrin
- Judi Armstrong